I.   Project Contract and Coordination Information
a.   Kip Smith, Project Coordinator
      John Hubley, Associate Project Coordinator
b.   Montana Health Research & Education Foundation
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      Helena, MT 59604-5119
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c.   Montana Health Research & Education Foundation (MHREF)
d.   MHREF coordinates directly with the Montana Healthcare
      Telecommunications Alliance on development and implementation of
      this project to improve the statewide telecommunications
      infrastructure.

II.   Identification of Health Care Facilities in the Network.

      The FAhRM project as proposed will improve telecommunications
      connectivity between six existing and developing Montana regional networks;
      this has been described as a "network of networks". All participants are
      eligible, not-for-profit entities covering multiple RUCAs state-wide. The
      Montana Healthcare Telecommunications Alliance map (below) provides a
      visual representation of this state-wide project. Participating networks in the
      FAhRM project are:

      Eastern Montana Telemedicine Network
      2800 Tenth Avenue North
      Billings, MT 59101
      406-657-4057

      Partners in Health Telemedicine Network
      175 North 27th, Suite 803
      Wells Fargo Building
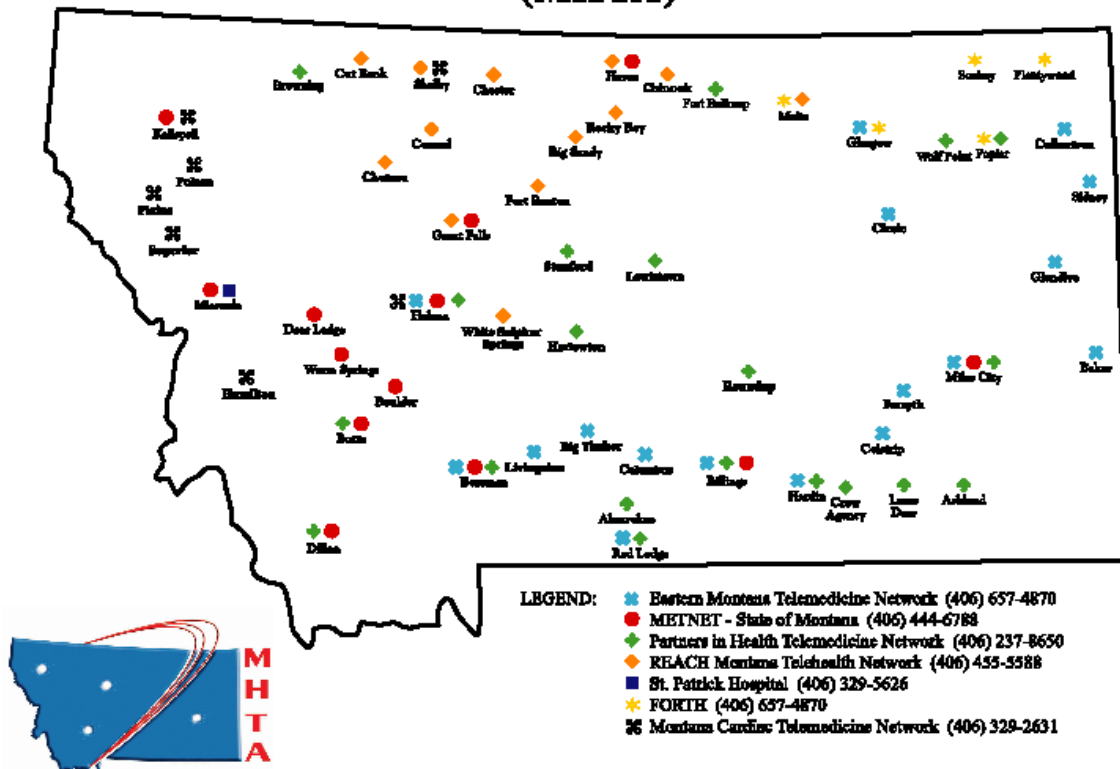   Billings, MT 59101
      406-237-3602

      REACH Montana Telehealth Network
      1101 26th Street South
      Great Falls, MT 59405
      406-455-4285

Western Montana Telehealth Network
Community Medical Center
2827 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804

Montana Cardiology Telemedicine Network
St. Patrick Hospital & Health Sciences Center
500 West Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802-4096
406-543-7271

Health Information Exchange of Montana
Northwest Healthcare
310 Sunnyview Lane
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-752-1724

MONTANA
HEALTHCARE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE
(MHTA)

LEGEND:
- Eastern Montana Telemedicine Network (406) 657-4870
- METNET – State of Montana (406) 444-6788
- Partners in Health Telemedicine Network (406) 237-8650
- REACH Montana Telehealth Network (406) 455-5588
- St. Patrick Hospital (406) 329-5626
- FORTH (406) 657-4870
- Montana Cardiac Telemedicine Network (406) 329-2631

III.   Network Narrative.

The competitive bidding process for the FAhRM project has not been initiated.

IV.   List of Connected Health Care Providers.

No health care providers have been connected to the network as of July 30, 2008.

V.   Identity of Non-recurring and Recurring Costs

No non-recurring or recurring costs have been incurred as of July 30, 2008.

VI.   Description of Apportioned Costs and Sources of Funds.

No project costs have been incurred as of July 30, 2008.

VII.   Technical or Non-technical Requirements for Ineligible Entities

There are no ineligible entities participating in the FAhRM project.

VIII.   Update on Project Management Plan
   a. Kip Smith serves as Project Coordinator for the FAhRM project and John Hubley, an independent contractor, began as the Associate Project Coordinator on July 21, 2008. Overall direction for the project is provided by a steering committee made up of the Executive Directors of each of six participating networks in the FAhRM project.
   b. With the addition of Mr. Hubley to the management team in July 2008, a detailed project plan and schedule will be developed in conjunction with the steering committee during the next quarter. This plan will include key project deliverables/tasks and anticipated completion dates. Generally, the project will roll out in two phases – connectivity infrastructure enhancement and expansion design, followed by two to three years of implementation.

IX.   Network Sustainability.

Given the "network of networks" approach to our statewide telecommunications infrastructure development, it is not anticipated that the FAhRM project will continue indefinitely. However, each regional network is designed to be self sustaining, although the exact approach is outside the scope of the FAhRM proposal.

X.   How has the Network Advanced Telemedicine Benefits?:

The FAhRM project has not yet been implemented.

XI.   How has the Network Complied with HHS Health IT Initiatives?:

The FAhRM project has not yet been implemented.

XII.   How have Participants Coordinated with the Department of Health and Human Services, on National, Regional and Local Public Health Emergencies?:

The FAhRM project has not yet been implemented.